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July 1, 2002

Ms. Jane Garvey
Administrator
Federal Aviation Administration
800 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20591-0004

FAA-01-9852-47
9854-118

Dear Administrator Garvey:

Please find attached a public comment sent to you on June 20, 2002 by Jeff Schultes, Manager of the Portland International Jetport. Mr. Schultes is concerned that the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) proposed "demand policy" at LaGuardia Airport in New York (Docket FAA-2001-2852/9854) will have a negative impact on air service to smaller regions, like Portland. I share his concern.

The Jetport and its customers depend on nonstop flights to LaGuardia. I am certain that reducing the number of flights to New York would hurt the greater Portland area's economic stability. Without this service, many business customers would be forced to lay over in Boston and then travel on. This change could make it significantly more difficult to conduct one-day business in the New York region. If such a change did occur, it is easy to infer that businesses would choose not to locate their central or satellite offices in southern Maine.

I encourage you to give the concerns raised by the Portland International Jetport your full attention.

Sincerely,

Tom Allen
Member of Congress

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**RE: FAA Policy Options for Managing Capacity at
LaGuardia Airport (Docket FAA-2001-2852/9854)**

Dear Administrator Garvey:

As the Airport Manager of the Portland International Jetport in Portland, Maine I am writing to express the serious concerns of the customers of our airport about the FAA's proposed new "demand management" policy options for managing capacity at LaGuardia Airport. As we know, even though the current proposals only involve LaGuardia, it does have the potential to be utilized throughout the country. Many of the proposals could cause reductions in critical air service for smaller communities such as Portland.

The basic purpose behind all the proposals appears to be limiting the number of operations at LaGuardia to provide a safe, efficient airport and cut delays. We are very concerned that all this will accomplish is to reallocate limited capacity and potentially reduce service to small communities.

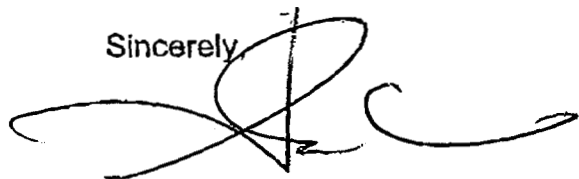
LaGuardia is extremely important to the Portland region. We have a market service area of approximately 275,000 people. New York is our number one O&D city with passengers totaling over 100,000 annually. Presently we do have competition on this city pair, which could be affected by new proposals.

Reduction in competition, congestion pricing and auction proposals would only increase the cost of the tickets and potentially reduce the viability of regional jet service to small communities like Portland. Loss of service to our number one city could also reduce economic development, again affecting the viability of our community.

Finally, I would like to reiterate that our community has grown to depend on nonstop service to New York and the important economic benefits it provides. Just a couple of weeks ago a major company announced that it was moving an office to this area. One of the primary reasons was good air service to New York. Cancellation of the service would have serious negative consequences on this region.

I urge you not to adopt any policies that would threaten the stability or continuation of this vital transportation benefit.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Jeff Schultes', with a large, stylized initial 'J' and 'S'.

Jeff Schultes, A.A.E.
Airport Manager

Cc: Senator Snowe
Senator Collins
Congressman Allen
Congressman Baldacci
Jeffrey Monroe, Director of Transportation, City of Portland